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## POSTMASTER WOOD IS BURNED TO DEATH IN RUINS OF FARMHOUSE

Accidental Explosion of  
Kerosene Lamp Over-  
whelms Him as He Sits at  
Desk in Study—House is  
Wrapped in Fire

### CARETAKER DRAGS SICK SON OUTSIDE

And Returns, But is Driven  
Out by Rapidly Spreading  
Flames — The Body is  
Found Later Among the  
Embers

Overwhelmed by the fumes of an  
exploding lamp, C. B. Wood, postmaster  
of Phoenix, died, and his body was  
partially consumed in the ruins of his  
country house on the Black Canyon  
road, near the grand canal last evening.

Warned by Mr. Wood's last words,  
"Look out," and by the sight of the  
flaming lamp, C. L. Madison, caretaker  
of the ranch, was able to rescue his  
bedridden son from the room next that  
in which the tragedy occurred. Madison  
dragged the young man a short  
distance from the house, placed him on  
a cot, and rushed back into the house,  
screaming to men on the other side of  
a canal, nearby. As he opened the  
door, smoke and flames billowed out,  
and he was driven from the place,  
blinded, stunned, and compelled to  
stand aside and watch the fire rapidly  
spread throughout the building. At  
this time, he had no idea the unfortunate  
man had not succeeded in escaping  
from the house. It was not until  
he had, with a half score of neighbors,  
attempted to form a bucket brigade to  
throw water on the fire, that Mr. Wood  
was missed, and the horrible possibility  
occurred to the group.

Madison, in his overwrought mind,  
had formed no coherent ideas, when  
neighbors, and later officers of the  
Phoenix fire department and reporters  
questioned him. His stories about what



C. B. WOOD

actually occurred, were as varied almost  
as his hearers. The one to which the  
most credence was given, however,  
is this:

Although Mr. Wood had moved to a  
home in the city, he maintained two  
rooms at the ranch house, where he  
kept a great quantity of private papers  
and his desks. He was in the habit of  
visiting the ranch house frequently,  
spending considerable time in his study.  
He had been in his room for some time  
yesterday afternoon. At about five-  
fifteen, he had called Madison, and had  
asked him for a lamp. Madison filled  
a lamp in the rear of the house and  
took it to Wood's room, leaving there  
immediately thereafter to attend to  
some chores outside.

Five minutes after he left the room,  
Madison heard the soft explosion that  
indicated the bursting of a coal oil  
lamp. He heard the cry "Look out."  
Turning, he saw the glare of fire from  
a window in the room the  
postmaster was using. His first thought  
was to save his son, who was not able  
to rise from his bed.

Telephonic information from nearby  
ranch homes, brought Assistant Fire  
Chief Simmons. About the time he  
arrived, C. E. Tannehill, who lives near-  
by, and others, commenced to search  
the ruins, which had cooled sufficiently  
by reason of the fact the light frame  
building had burned clear to the  
ground—to permit the men to approach  
quite closely. Buckets of water were  
thrown into the heaps of ashes, and  
soon, the bones of a human hand were  
identified. By this means, then, it be-

## Army Of Gen. von Gallwitz Advances In Morava Valley

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]  
BUN BERLIN, Oct. 31. (By wireless  
in Sayville)—The capture of Milanovac,  
more than forty miles south of the  
Save river in Serbia, and an advance by  
the army of General von Gallwitz on  
both sides of the Morava valley, was  
officially announced today. South of  
Serbia, the Serbians were thrown  
from their positions. Six hundred or  
more Serbians have been captured.

### BLANCHE WALSH GIVES LIFE FOR HER ART

CLEVELAND, Oct. 31.—Blanche  
Walsh, the well known actress,  
died tonight in a hospital where  
she was taken two weeks  
ago for an illness which required  
an operation. Miss Walsh's re-  
fusal to disappoint an audience  
caused a relapse from which she  
died. After she went under the  
knife she insisted on keeping an  
engagement at Youngstown, O.,  
where she collapsed and was  
brought back to the hospital  
here. In private life she was  
Mrs. William H. Travers.

## ANGLO-FRENCH FLEET ACTIVE IN AEGEAN SEA

Is Again Bombarding Bul-  
garian Aegean Sea Coast.  
According to Official  
Statement of Bulgarian  
War Office

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]  
SOFIA, Via London, Oct. 31.—The  
Anglo-French fleet is again bombarding  
the Bulgarian Aegean sea coast,  
according to the official statement of  
the Bulgarian war office today.

The statement, which also reports a  
continuation of the Bulgarian advance  
into Serbia, is as follows:  
"After the occupation of Zaječar,  
Kniajevac and Inovo our troops on  
Oct. 28 continued the pursuit of the  
enemy in a westerly direction.

"On the morning of October 28 a de-  
tachment which had passed the night  
on the proximity of Pirot, entered the  
town and further pursued the defeated  
enemy."

**Submarine Attacks Fleet**  
BERLIN, Oct. 31. (By wireless to  
Sayville)—A Turkish submarine at-  
tacked a Russian fleet in the north-  
western part of the Black sea and tor-  
pedoed a battleship of the Pantheon  
type, a Turkish official statement un-  
der date of October 27 declares, ac-  
cording to an announcement by the  
Overseas News Agency today.

In a Russian official communication  
issued on October 28, in which an ac-  
count was given of the bombardment  
of Varna, on the Bulgarian Black sea  
coast by a Russian fleet, it was stated  
that a Russian wireless station had  
picked up a telegram from a German  
station to Constantinople asserting that  
a German attack had resulted in "ser-  
ious damage to a Russian battleship of  
the Pantheon type." The Russian  
statement declared this report was ut-  
terly without foundation.

**Shell Sets Transport Afire**  
CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 31. (Via  
London)—A shell from a Turkish gun  
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## NO PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

BERLIN, Oct. 31.—(By wireless to Tuckerton)—"Reports that Prince  
von Buelow has been enlisted with the preparation of peace negotiations  
are absolutely incorrect," says the Overseas News Agency. "Prince von  
Buelow, who is now in Switzerland, has taken no steps toward peace ne-  
gotiations, nor has he been charged with that task."

"As the appointment of a German ambassador with a special mission  
to Constantinople is contemplated, Count Paul Wolff Metternich, former  
ambassador to Great Britain, is expected to receive the assignment."

## CAPTURE OF PIROT BY THE BULGARIANS IS CONFIRMED

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]  
PARIS, Oct. 31.—Confirmation of  
the capture of Pirot by the Bul-  
garians is contained in an official

statement by the Serbian war office,  
issued under date of October 28 and  
received here today as follows:

"Severe fighting is continuing on  
the Morava front while the Timok  
army is taking up a new position in  
the rear.

"The army defending Pirot was  
compelled to withdraw behind this  
city.

"The enemy after fierce attacks  
by numerous columns, succeeded in  
capturing the defile of Katchinik.

"On the northwest front the en-  
emy, profiting by the superior num-  
ber of his troops, repulsed the Ser-  
bians some kilometers to the south  
of Svilainac.

"The presence of new Bavarian  
troops and Austrian Mountain for-  
mations is reported.

"Conditions on the remainder of  
the front are unchanged."

## KEY TO NISH IN HANDS OF BULGARIANS

Serbian Fortress of Pirot  
Finally Falls While Aus-  
tro-Germans Advancing  
from North Try Surround-  
ing Kraguevatz

### SERBIAN ARSENAL LOCATED THERE

Thus Central Powers, With  
Bulgaria, Are Narrowing  
Gap Through Which the  
Serbian Army in North-  
east Must Escape

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

LONDON, Oct. 31.—The Serbian  
fortress of Pirot, described as the  
key to Nish, is in the hands of the  
Bulgarians, while the Austro-Ger-  
mans, advancing from the north are  
endeavoring to form a ring around  
Kraguevatz, where the Serbian ar-  
senal is situated. Thus, besides en-  
dangering both the Serbian war cap-  
itol and the town where the Serbian  
munitions are manufactured, the  
central powers, with Bulgaria, are  
narrowing the gap through which  
the Serbian army in the northeast  
must escape.

Simultaneously the Austrians are  
attacking Montenegro to remove, if  
possible, the danger of having an  
enemy army on their flank. Little  
has been said about the fighting be-  
tween the Austrians and Montene-  
grins along the Drina river, but ap-  
parently it is of a most sanguinary  
character, as it took the Austrians  
with far superior equipment more  
than a week to force a crossing of  
the river at one point alone, that  
south of Visegrad.

The Anglo-French troops are  
firmly establishing themselves along  
the southern end of the Nish rail-  
way, and, crossing into Bulgaria,  
have occupied the hills surrounding  
Strumitsa, although the capture of  
that town, which has been reported,  
is not officially confirmed.

The allied fleets, too, have again  
bombarded the Bulgarian towns on  
the Aegean sea. While these ef-  
forts take some of the strain off  
heavily-tried Serbia, there is no re-  
liable information as to the move-  
ments of the greater forces which,  
it is hoped, will save her. Reports  
continue to circulate, chiefly from  
German sources, of a Russian army  
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### BULGARIANS RETAKE VELES

PARIS, Nov. 1 (4:30  
a.m.)—The retaking of  
Veles, Serbia, by Bul-  
garian troops has been  
officially confirmed, ac-  
cording to a Havas dis-  
patch from Athens filed  
yesterday.

# 'VICTORY IS MINE, AMERICANS OR NO AMERICANS' DECLARES VILLA

## AMERICAN TROOPS LINE BORDER FROM PACIFIC TO THE GULF



Figures indicate position of American troops.

## AGUA PRIETA ATTACK MATTER OF HOURS WITH VILLA NEARING TOWN

Troops Invading Sonora Ar-  
rive Within Striking Dis-  
tance and Villa Says Will  
Attack Despite United  
States Patrol Forces

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

DOUGLAS, Oct. 31.—Villa troops  
invading Sonora arrived today within  
striking distance of Agua Prieta,  
opposite here, and the expected attack  
against the Carranza garrison ap-  
parently was a matter of hours. Ad-  
vance cavalry of the invaders halted  
late today three and one-half miles  
east of Agua Prieta.

General Francisco Villa, who arrived  
at the International border several  
miles further east a few hours earlier,  
talked with Americans across the  
boundary and announced that he in-  
tended to attack the Mexican town,  
regardless of any action United States  
troops might take.

General Villa began placing artillery  
directed at Agua Prieta at 2 o'clock  
this afternoon, when his advance  
forces had reached a point within five  
miles east of that Mexican town,  
across the border from here.

The vanguard of the Villa army ap-  
proaching Agua Prieta, Sonora, op-  
posite here, to attack General P.  
Elias Calles, commanding the Car-  
ranza forces, swung into sight from  
the eastward early this morning.

The first division to appear was a  
flanking guard of 1200 cavalry that  
reached the border at 6:10 o'clock this  
morning.

It was immediately paralleled by a  
detachment of U. S. cavalry on the  
Arizona side of the border.

The main body with considerable  
artillery and a wagon train was four  
hours later reported at Gallardo Pass,  
twelve miles to the east.

In the opinion of U. S. army offi-  
cers, it should require Villa several  
days to dispose his forces and place  
his artillery before beginning an as-  
sault upon Agua Prieta.

The main body of Villa soldiers  
formed a junction with their advance  
troops at the Gallardo ranch, about  
18 miles southeast of Agua Prieta.  
The attacking army then started for-  
ward for the final advance on the  
Carranza defenses.

Colonel Florencio Diaz, commanding  
approximately 1500 cavalry, preceded  
the remainder of the invaders and  
halted with his forces just beyond  
range of the guns of General P.  
Elias Calles, the Carranza leader at Agua  
Prieta.

Brigadier General Thomas F. Davis,  
in command of the U. S. troops en-  
trenched just north of the Mexican

## Wants No Pity Because Career Not Successful

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 31.—In a  
speech for prohibition at a mass meet-  
ing today, William Jennings Bryan  
told an audience not to pity him for  
his "unsuccessful political career."

"Sometimes my friends have ex-  
pressed their sympathy to me because  
of what they termed the unsuccessful-  
ness of my political career," said Mr.  
Bryan. "Why, they shouldn't do that.

"I have been in politics, reforms  
have been accomplished without the  
loss of a single life that would have  
cost thousands of lives in sacrifice 200  
years ago."

"Pity me? Don't do it. If I had  
lived two centuries ago and advocated  
what I do now, I would have been  
hung. No one has accomplished any  
great reform without being abused and  
ostracized at first. But when a man  
believes he is right, he must stand up  
and speak out."

Property  
of  
LIBRARY  
of  
ARIZONA

Declares Will Fight U. S.  
Border Army if Neces-  
sary After Learning Car-  
ranza Moving Troops  
Through Our Territory

HAS 10,000 MEN;  
CLAIMS OVER 18,000

Battle Coming Quickly, as  
Thousands of His Men  
Are Miles from Water  
and Supply of Provisions  
is Said to Be Scant

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

DOUGLAS, Oct. 31.—General Fran-  
cisco Villa began moving his troops  
into position tonight for an attack upon  
Agua Prieta, Sonora, opposite here, re-  
gardless, he personally declared, of any  
consequences or effort from the United  
States.

"If necessary I will fight the United  
States army assembled along the bor-  
der," he declared, after hearing this af-  
ternoon for the first time that the  
American government had given per-  
mission for Carranza to transport  
troops from Laredo and Eagle Pass,  
Texas, to reinforce the garrison at  
Agua Prieta.

Four of these troop trains arrived to-  
night, bringing the total fighting men  
of the garrison, commanded by General  
P. Elias Calles, to approximately 6,000  
men.

Villa, according to reliable estimates,  
has 10,000 soldiers. He claims to have  
18,000 men. The battle may begin at  
any moment—perhaps tonight or prob-  
ably tomorrow.

"That it will be quickly as possible,  
is the general opinion here, based on  
the condition of his men, thousands of  
whom were thirsty tonight in points  
miles from water and all with scant  
supplies of food, according to Villa's  
own testimony and reports of three  
Mexican ranchers who arrived across  
the border tonight, stripped of every-  
thing they possessed.

The border line was closed tonight,  
but arrangements were made by United  
States immigration authorities to ad-  
mit under guard thousands of more or  
less destitute refugees from Agua  
Prieta, whose number was augmented  
tonight by women and children camp  
followers with the Carranza contingent  
arriving over American territory from  
Laredo.

Villa's troops appeared within five  
miles of Agua Prieta shortly after 2  
o'clock this afternoon. Fifteen hun-  
dred cavalry advanced from the  
slaughter ranch, 18 miles east of here  
along the border.

Three thousand other troops, mounted  
and afoot, and driving pack ani-  
mals apparently loaded with machine  
guns or mounted cannon, were tonight  
at a point four miles east of Douglas  
and about the same distance south of  
the International boundary.

Camp fires were visible tonight both  
from Douglas and from the east tren-  
ches of the Calles stronghold, which  
were filled with riflemen, machine gun  
operators and gunners manning field  
pieces.

The main force of Villa's army were  
still at the Gallardo ranch, 12 miles east  
this afternoon, but it was expected that  
Villa following his favorite tactic,  
would move them into position tonight.  
Villa himself was with his cavalry,  
forming a flank guard, which passed  
along the border today.

It was during this march that he learned  
that Carranza reinforcements had  
been transported over American ter-  
ritory, and launched a verbal at-  
tack on the United States, which he  
declared would turn into a physical  
attack, if necessary.

"Agua Prieta will be mine," he  
asserted, "Americans or no Ameri-  
cans."

Villa was almost in sight of the  
Mexican town at the time. Pointing  
his finger toward it, he added:

"There is food and rest for our  
men. We may have to fight the  
whole American army if necessary,  
but no matter, it will be ours."

"When?" he was asked. "I know,"  
was the reply.

Suddenly Villa asked again if it  
were true that the United States  
government had permitted General  
Carranza to transport reinforcements  
over American territory. Then,  
continuing, he said:

"This is the way the United States  
repays me for the treatment and  
protection I have given foreigners in  
Mexico. Hereafter I don't give a  
damn what happens to foreigners  
in Mexico—or in my territory."

"I am through with the United  
States. I can fight my battles. Let  
them fight theirs."

"I can whip Carranza and his en-  
tire army, but it is asking a great  
deal to whip the United States, also;  
but I suppose I can do that too."

Villa asserted that his entire plan  
of campaign had been mapped out.  
At that time, the general was east  
of Nogales, a mere miles east  
of Nogales, a black line just  
below the border, and almost within

## FUNSTON ON WAY TO TAKE CHARGE ON THE BORDER

Will Supervise Movements  
of Troops in Preservation  
of Neutrality During  
Villa's Expected Attack  
on Agua Prieta

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Oct. 31.—Ma-  
jor General Frederick Funston, com-  
manding the department of the south,  
left tonight for Douglas, Arizona, to  
supervise the movements of the  
American troops in the preservation  
of neutrality during General Villa's  
expected attack on the Mexican bor-  
der town of Agua Prieta.

General Funston was accompanied  
by his chief of staff, Major W. H.  
Hays, and will arrive in Douglas on  
Tuesday.

Several days ago General Funston  
indicated that he did not intend to  
go to Douglas unless conditions be-  
came very much more critical than  
they appeared at that time.

Army reports on the situation to-  
night were not divulged, though it  
was admitted that they were serious  
in tone. It was said that General  
Funston's departure was caused partly  
by newspaper reports.

**Urges More Vigilance**

AUSTIN, Oct. 31.—Representations  
to the de facto government of Mexico  
urging an immediate increase in its  
vigilance along the border where  
bandits are said to have taken refuge  
after raiding Texas ranches have  
been made by United States Secretary  
of State Lansing, so informed Gov-  
ernor James E. Ferguson in a tele-  
gram today, who also requested the  
governor to endeavor to allay race  
prejudice and restrain indiscreet con-  
duct in the disturbed areas.

**SON BORN TO HYDE**

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

PARIS, Oct. 31.—A son was born  
last night to Mr. and Mrs. James  
Hazen Hyde.

## BATTLE IN PROGRESS AT TORRES BUT DETAILS LACKING

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

NOGALES, Ariz., Oct. 31.—A bat-  
tle has been in progress since 4  
o'clock this morning at Torres, So-  
nora, between Carranza forces com-  
manded by General Diezguerra and a  
Villa column under General Flores.

According to reports received at No-  
gales, Sonora, opposite here, No  
details could be obtained.

General Diezguerra, who recently  
captured Guaymas, on the west coast  
of Mexico, has been advancing with  
his troops toward Hermosillo in an  
effort to drive Villa detachments in  
toward the International border.

Torres is a short distance south of  
Hermosillo.

Mexican soldiers of the Nogales,  
Sonora, garrison began today to tear  
up the tracks of the southern Pacific  
railroad of Mexico, south of the  
border. This action was taken as a  
result of the notice given Carlos

### EL PASO PAPER IS TABOO IN CLIFTON

CLIFTON, Oct. 31.—Pickets  
were placed today about one of  
the best patronized business es-  
tablishments here because the  
proprietor had announced he  
would continue to offer for sale  
an El Paso newspaper which had  
printed an alleged untrue state-  
ment about the strike of the  
miners in the Clifton-Morenci-  
Metcalf district. The statement  
alleged, it is said, that the  
strike would probably be broken  
and that the strikers were sign-  
ing petitions to go back to work  
under old wage conditions.